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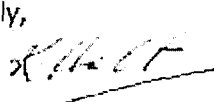
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am taking this opportunity to express my concern about the current situation in the *US vs. Microsoft* lawsuit and I certainly hope these public comments make a difference in the final outcome of the litigation. For starters, Microsoft had no reason to be attacked by the government in the first place, but unfortunately, lawyers and lobbyists have done a good job of keeping the American people paying millions of dollars on behalf of an accusation that should have no basis in this country.

The proposed settlement by the District Court should be accepted and implemented as soon as possible so that this country can see Microsoft thrive again for the American people and the American economy. The world is always looking for new, comprehensible and affordable software to facilitate a faster, more efficient business environment, and no other corporation has done this as well as Microsoft has. Why should we criminalize them for their success and their ingenuity that has put America on top of the IT industry?

I cannot reiterate enough how much I, along with millions of other Americans, want to see this litigation over with. It is the consumers who will be further affected by this legal action.

Sincerely,

 Betty Holt

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